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Sen. Testin, Rep. Krug Form Task Force to Address Verso Situation

(Madison) Following Tuesday morning's announcement that Verso Corporation plans to idle the Wisconsin Rapids mill, area legislators Patrick Testin and Scott Krug are moving to form a task force to address the situation and provide resources for displaced employees.

"The Verso mill has been a key employer in Wisconsin Rapids for more than a century," said Representative Krug. "We need to explore options and make sure that the families that are impacted are also provided for."

Invitations to join the task force have been extended to the offices of Senator Janet Bewley, Representative Katrina Shankland, Congressmen Ron Kind and Tom Tiffany, U.S. Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin, Governor Tony Evers, and Wisconsin Rapids Mayor Shane Blaser, as well as representatives from the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, the North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, the Wisconsin Paper Council, union representatives, and Verso Corporation.

"Hundreds of families are being affected by this closure," said Senator Testin. "We want to draw on every available resource to help those families and the Wisconsin Rapids community. This is the first step."

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